

June 12, 2012

Daniel Scholl, Director
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RE: Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2012 Session

Dear Director Scholl:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your FY12 appropriation. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

Specifically, it is the request of the Joint Committee that:

Agricultural Experiment Station

The Joint Committee on Appropriations approved an increase of \$450,000 in general funds for the Agricultural Experiment Station.

It is the intent of the Committee that the Agricultural Experiment Station will utilize the additional funding for research on oil seed production and development of drop-in fuel (J5 & J7).

The Committee requests that the Agricultural Experiment Station plant additional test plots across the state to conduct research on oilseed production. The data from these tests should be made widely available to potential producers in order to encourage additional oil seeds in crop rotations.

It is the goal of the Committee that within 2 years, 20,000 gallons of drop-in fuel will be produced and meet the standards of use for military purposes.

The Committee requests that an Advisory Committee be formed to help promote oilseed production in South Dakota, advise the Agricultural Experiment Station, cooperate with the federal Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee, and ensure that the available funds are properly spent. The advisory committee should meet four times per year and include volunteer members from industry, academia, nonprofits, and the co-chairs for the Joint Committee on Appropriations. Members will be nominated by South Dakota State University; Oilseeds Council; Corn Utilization Council; Soybean Research and Promotion Council; and industry; and selected by the co-chairs. Chris Tindal, Director for Operational Energy, U.S. Department of the Navy should be invited to attend the advisory committee meetings either in person or via teleconference.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Senator Corey Brown
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations



Representative Dean Wink
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management